## Media Advisory

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## Seattle Transportation Benefit District Governing Board meetings scheduled to consider CTAC-III recommendation

Potential vehicle license fee to be discussed

**SEATTLE** – The Seattle City Council, acting in its capacity as the <u>Seattle Transportation</u> <u>Benefit District (STBD)</u> Governing Board, will convene following the regular City Council meeting on Monday, July 18 (approximately 2:30 p.m. or immediately following the 2 p.m. Full Council meeting).

At this meeting, the co-chairs of the <u>Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee</u> (<u>CTAC-III</u>) will brief STBD members on their recommendation for a potential ballot measure to fund a package of street maintenance, safety and transit improvements within the City of Seattle. The CTAC-III proposal would be funded through a voter approved vehicle license fee.

The Council, acting as the STBD Governing Board, will have until August 16 to act on the recommendation, the deadline for placing measures on the November ballot.

In order to give the proposal full consideration, STBD meetings have been scheduled on the following dates, each starting at approximately 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers:

July 18

July 25

August 1

August 8

Each of these meetings will allow time for public testimony and a public hearing on the vehicle licensing fee has been scheduled for August 1, 6 p.m. Additional meetings and public hearings will be scheduled if necessary before the August 16 deadline for submitting a November ballot measure.

Please visit <u>Seattle Transportation Benefit District web site</u> for more information.

In September 2010, the Seattle City Council created CTAC III through <u>Resolution 31240</u>. The STBD Board will receive guidance and advice from CTAC III about how to spend the existing \$20 Vehicle License Fee (VLF). CTAC III will also provide advice on whether to seek voter approval for as much as an additional \$80 VLF and/or other fees that would require voter approval. CTAC III's recommendation matrix is attached.